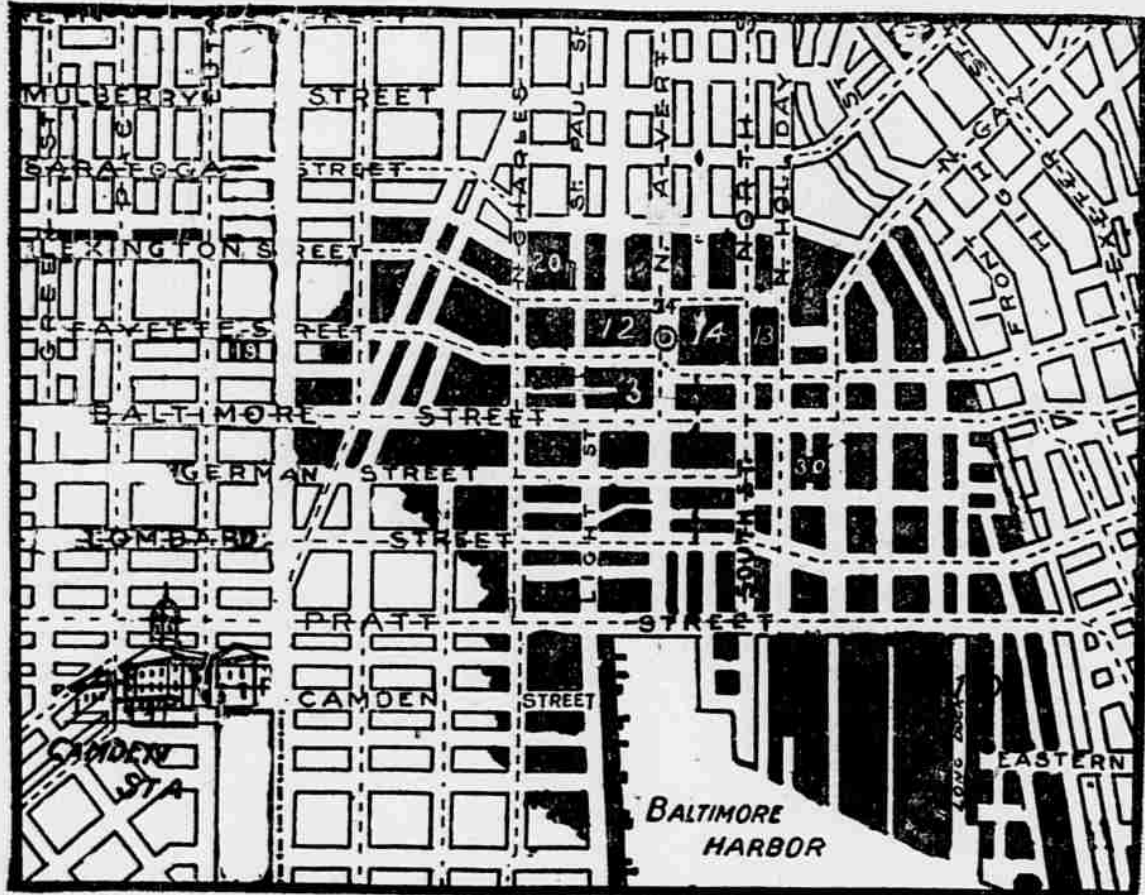


SEE TO-MORROW'S REPUBLIC FOR LEADING MERCHANTS' MIDWEEK BARGAINS.

BALTIMORE'S GREAT FIRE CHECKED AFTER EIGHTY BLOCKS ARE BURNED--- LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT \$100,000,000.



This map shows the total extent of fire in the business center of Baltimore. One-third of this area was devastated by the flames between 3 o'clock yesterday morning and 5 last evening.

**Army of Firemen, Working
Desperately, Hold Flames
at Jones Falls and Save
Residence Districts.**

BAY STOPS FIRE ON SOUTH.

**City Is Under Strict Martial Law
and Perfect Order Prevails—
State Assembly Authorizes
Ten-Day Holiday.**

MANY OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE.

**Food and Water Are Scarce, but
Prompt Aid Is Promised—
Business Section of City
Scene of Desolation.**

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 8.—One hundred million dollars' worth of property has been consumed in the great fire which raged in the heart of this city for twenty-eight hours, but which is now in check.

Two thousand five hundred buildings have been destroyed, and an area of eighty city blocks laid waste.

Thanks to the splendid work of the firemen and the volunteers, not one life has been lost so far as is now known.

The city is now under martial law. Major General Corbin having been called from New York to take charge of the militia and the Federal troops ordered here by the Governor and the President to aid in checking the flames and to prevent the pillaging of buildings undamaged by fire.

Volunteer firemen and help from neighboring cities aided materially in the war on the flames. Dynamite was used unsparingly on great and valuable buildings, and the blowing up of these, aided by the natural limit of the fire, checked the spread of the conflagration.

**CITY'S ONLY LIGHT
IS THAT FROM RUINS.**

The important commercial district is blackened ruins. The city is overcast with gloom. The only lights in the burned district are those from the smoldering ruins. The only lights in that section which escaped destruction are from corner gas lamps. The stores are closed in nearly every street. The darkened avenues are full of men and women, talking of one subject.

Apparently there is but one cause for gladness, and that is that there are no homeless. The residence section of the city escaped. This phase of the situation relieved the officials from any thought other than the saving of property.

Few persons have explored fully even such portions of the burned district as the cooling ruins would permit. The high wind made it impossible for any one to pass through the streets bordered by crumbling walls without grave danger to personal safety. Tangled masses of wires cross and re-cross the streets, and these were lashed so furiously by the wind that they could have proved no more dangerous had they been "alive."

The blackened waste which lies in the wake of the sea of flames presents

RESUME OF BALTIMORE FIRE NEWS.

FIRE STARTED SUNDAY MORNING AT 10:45.
FIRE CHECKED MONDAY AFTERNOON AT 3:00.
FIRE RAGED TWENTY-EIGHT HOURS.
NUMBER OF BLOCKS BURNED, 80.
NUMBER OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED, 2,500.
TOTAL LOSS (ESTIMATED) \$100,000,000.
LIVES LOST NONE.
PERSONS INJURED, 50.
NUMBER OF FIRE COMPANIES THAT FOUGHT THE FLAMES, 100.
NUMBER OF PERSONS THROWN OUT OF EMPLOYMENT, 50,000.

a view likened best to oceans of great
coke ovens, each shooting its thousand
tongues of flame from pyramids of
brick, stone and cement.

Where the fire has died out nothing
remains but waste, from which rise
hundreds of towering insecure shafts
of the same color. These are all that
is left of what were once handsome
office buildings, storage, wholesale and
business houses of all kinds.

**ACCURATE ESTIMATE OF
LOSSES IS IMPOSSIBLE.**

The loss will not be accurately estimated
for weeks, for business men,
prosperous yesterday morning, are
poor to-day.

The Board of Insurance Commissioners
refused to estimate the loss. A
prominent member of the board said:
"It is impossible at this time to give
an approximate estimate of the loss. I
would say from \$100,000,000 up."

For many days to come, and perhaps
for weeks, it will be absolutely impos-
sible to estimate with any degree of
accuracy the extent of the damage
which has been inflicted upon the city
of Baltimore. Conservative men, in-
surance adjusters, real estate dealers
and business men generally say to-
night that, in their judgment, \$100,-
000,000 will be found to be approxi-
mately a correct figure.

Only to-night, now that the fire has
almost burned itself out, is it possible
to obtain any adequate account of the
tremendous disaster. Stated briefly, it
may be said that, with the exception
of the Lexington, Eutaw and Howard
street retail section, and the east Bal-
timore manufacturing section, every-
thing of a business character has been
destroyed.

The burned district is within the ter-
ritory bounded on the west by Liberty
street, on the north by Lexington
street, on the east by Jones' Falls, and
on the south by the basin. Within this
district were the big structures on
Fayette, Gay, Lombard, Charles, Bal-
derson, Elliott, Hollingsworth and
Cheap Side streets.

Passing southeast along the basin the
following large blocks were destroyed:
McCure's, Patterson's, Smith, Freder-
ick, Long and Union. Small thorough-
fares that do not extend as far north
as Lexington street, and which were
in the path of the flames, are Com-
merce, Fredericks and Mill streets.

**FIREPROOF STRUCTURES
DID NOT RESIST FLAMES.**

One thing which seems to have been
fully demonstrated by this historic Bal-
timore fire is that steel and fireproof
construction is not fireproof after all.

The Continental Trust, Maryland
Trust and Equitable buildings, for ex-
ample, stand to-night complete ruins.
They are mere shells, and it will not
be possible, from present appearances,
to use any part of the frame work as
a basis for reconstruction. The Conti-
nental Trust building is sixteen stories
high, and, when once the windows

**DECLARE ESTIMATES OF LOSS
ARE MUCH EXAGGERATED.**

It is generally agreed among St.
Louis insurance men that the esti-
mates sent out from Baltimore as to
the fire loss are exaggerated. The
consensus of opinion here is that
the total loss will not exceed
\$100,000,000.

A prominent St. Louis business
man, whose judgment is accepted as
good, places the total loss at not
more than \$80,000,000. His opinion is
based on the estimated value of the
buildings and contents, by blocks,
within the devastated area.

Upon reports that the fire swept
an area of about seventy-five acres,
or between forty and fifty blocks,
in the business heart of the city,
he estimates the loss on buildings
on an average of \$1,000,000 a block,
and stock, etc., about the same, and
then makes an allowance for sal-
vage.

In support of his estimate, he
says that many of the blocks with-
in the fire-swept area of Baltimore
were occupied by old buildings, of
doubtful and depreciable value, but
that the average is raised by other
blocks where the modern and costly
sky-scrapers stood.

He cites the Ely-Walker fire in
St. Louis. The building covered al-
most a block and was totally de-
stroyed. The loss was \$1,000,000, not
allowing for the salvage.

Making further comparison, he
estimates that the value of the
buildings covering the best blocks
in St. Louis is about \$200,000, and
that the value of the stocks in the
best blocks in the wholesale district
would not at any time exceed
\$200,000.

Frank B. Cram, special agent for
the American Central Insurance
Company, estimates the Baltimore
fire loss at \$100,000,000. He said:
"In my opinion, the reports of the
loss in Baltimore are greatly exag-
gerated. The estimate of \$200,000,-
000 is absurd. Divide it by two and
I think that it will be close to what
an adjustment will show."

Henry M. Blossom of H. M. Bloss-
om & Co. said:
"Owing to the confused reports
which naturally follow a big disas-
ter, it is a difficult matter at this
time to make anything like an ac-
curate estimate of the loss, but,
crediting the reports of the Bal-
timore fire, I estimate the loss at
about \$100,000,000."

were broken and sparks from the sur-
rounding conflagration entered the
building, the interior appeared to burn
like tinder. It was the same with the
Maryland Trust and Equitable build-
ings.

Every particle of woodwork in all
three burned with the greatest rapid-
ity, and, to all appearances while the
fire was on, they were destroyed al-
most as quickly as any wooden build-
ing.

At midnight the fire was burning it-
self out on the water front. Here and
there flames would burst forth and
light up the whole city, and one rumor
after another that the fire was again
beyond control passed about. Investi-
gation, however, proved that these

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JAPAN SENDS 60 SHIPS WITH TROOPS TO KOREA; FIGHTING SQUADRON SAILS FOR PORT ARTHUR; SOUND OF FIRING NEAR FUSAN; CABLE IS CUT.

Russia Precipitates Crisis, It Is
Declared at Nagasaki, by
Secretly Seizing North-
ern Korea.

Pekin Court Hears That Invasion
of China Is Probable and Pre-
pares for Instant Flight.

POWERS MAY SEND SOLDIERS.

France Has Agreed, It Is As-
serted, to the Joint Use of Force
in China to Insure Neutral-
ity of Middle Kingdom.

London, Feb. 8.—In a dispatch from
Tokyo, a correspondent of the Daily
Mail says the Jiu Shimo has re-
ceived a telegram from Fusan,
Korea, declaring that the firing of
guns was heard to the east of Koko
Island, about twenty-five miles
southwest of Fusan, at 8 o'clock Sat-
urday morning.

London, Feb. 8.—The Chefoo cor-
respondent of the Daily Mail cables
that sixty Japanese transports are
landing troops at various ports in
Korea, from Masampo and Fusan,
on the south, to Kusan, Mokpo and
Chemulpho, on the west.

Seoul is to be occupied, and the
landing is being covered by the tor-
pedo division.

The main body of the Japanese
fleet, the correspondent says, will
sail in the direction of Port Arthur.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK
HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.

Nagasaki, Saturday, Feb. 6.—(Copy-
right, 1904.)—Russia prepared trans-
ports, and, secretly dispatching her
fleet from Port Arthur some days
ago, escorted vessels loaded with
full divisions of troops, and landed
them near the Yalu River, thus oc-
cupying Northern Korea and precipi-
tating the present crisis.

Japan also moved ships to Masam-
po, where, in the morning, fires of
marines took possession of certain
Russian merchant vessels, including
the Shilka and the Manchuria, and
one ship which was engaged in load-
ing up with a cargo of coal and
stores for Port Arthur.

It is reported that two other Rus-
sian vessels have been taken outside
and escorted to Saicho.

Paris, Feb. 8.—The French Foreign
Office was advised this afternoon
that the Japanese have cut the cable
connecting Japan and Korea.

The object of this action is be-
lieved to be to prevent news of the
operations of the Japanese reaching
the Russians, which was possible,
no matter how closely censored the
dispatches sent might be.

London, Feb. 8.—A dispatch from
the Tien-Tsin correspondent of the
Standard says a Russian force is re-
ported at Kalgan, Pe-Chi-Li Province,
110 miles northwest of Peking,
and near the great wall and that
preparations are making for the
flight of the Chinese court and the
removal of the imperial treasure, as
it is feared that Russia will descend
upon Peking.

London, Feb. 9.—In a dispatch from
Nagasaki dated Monday, February 8,
a correspondent of the Daily Tele-
graph says:
"It is assumed that the Russian
fleet will fight. The Russians long
ago decided upon war, and their de-
lay was due to lack of preparation.
and uncertainty whether certain
Powers would intervene or not."

London, Feb. 8.—"Russia is negoti-
ating with a syndicate of French, Bel-
gian and Dutch bankers," cables the
Brussels correspondent of the Stand-
ard, "for a loan of \$200,000,000."

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary

Moody has received a cablegram from
Lieutenant Marsh, the American na-
val attaché at Tokyo, announcing
the departure of a naval division from
Japanese waters for Chemulpho,
Korea.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK
HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.
Nagasaki, Monday, Feb. 8, 9:20 P. M.
(Copyright, 1904.)—From a Russian
source I am assured that their fleet
will fight.

For months many colliers have
cleared from Kusan for Chefoo, but
have invariably landed their coal at
Port Arthur.

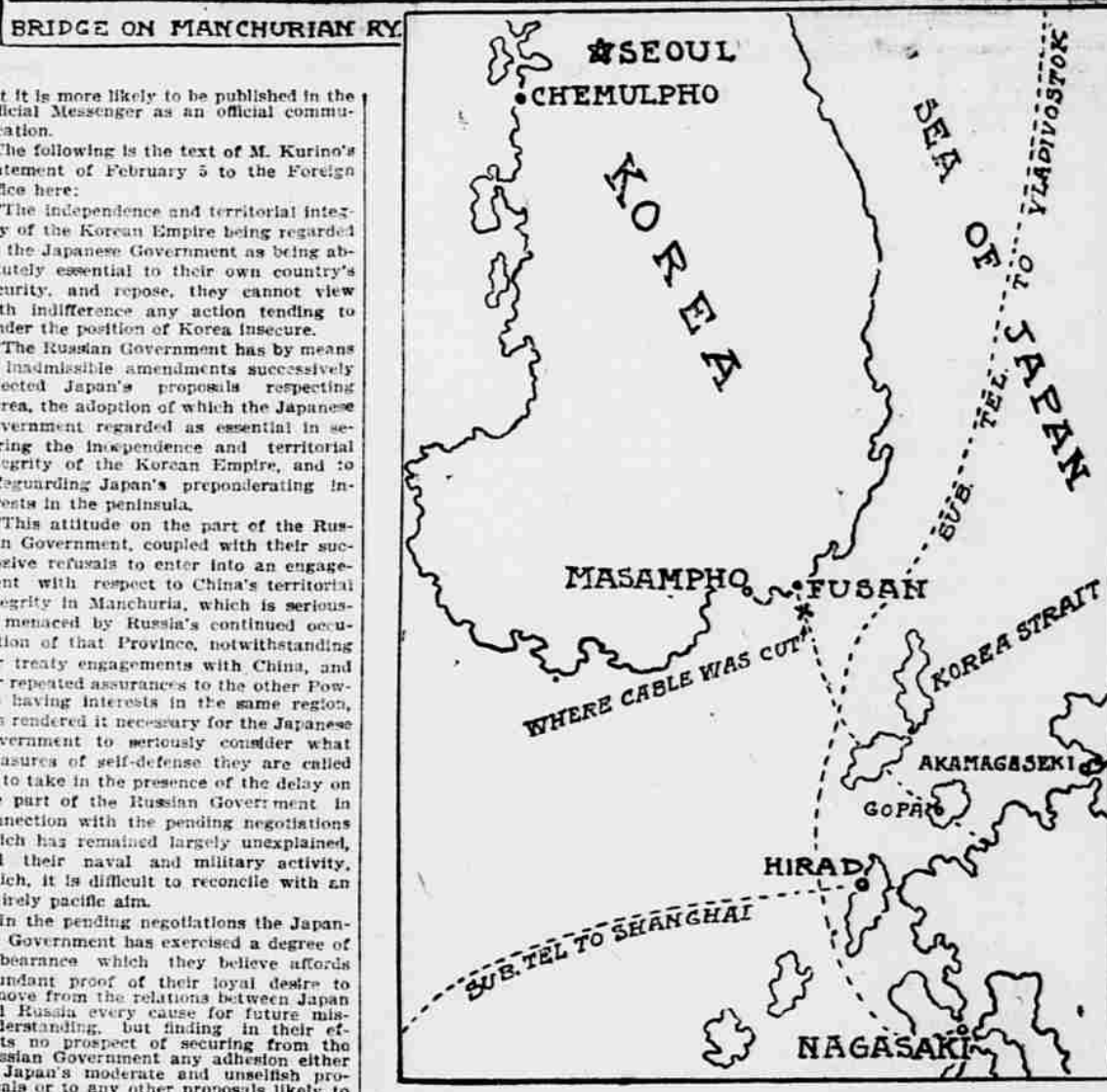
The Russian steamer Argon was
due at Nagasaki to-day from Dalny,
but has not yet arrived.

London, Feb. 9.—The Paris cor-
respondent of the Daily Mail says that
France has agreed with other Powers
to land troops in China directly hos-
tilities begin, in order to insure neu-
trality of the middle Kingdom.

**JAPANESE NOTE DECLARED
EQUAL TO A DECLARATION
THAT WAR WILL FOLLOW.**

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—The Russian
Foreign Office is preparing a statement
of the negotiations between Russia and
Japan.

It may be in the form of a circular note
to the Russian representatives abroad,



SCENE OF JAPAN'S GREATEST ACTIVITY IN THE MOVEMENT AGAINST
RUSSIA.
Showing submarine telegraph lines and the principal ports near the Korea Strait.
The cable has been cut near Fusan to prevent the Russians getting any infor-
mation of what is going on in Korea, while Japanese troops are being landed at
Fusan, Masampo, Chemulpho and other ports.

Leading Topics in To-Day's Republic.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

For St. Louis and Vicinity—Partly
cloudy; no decided change in tem-
perature; fresh northeast to east
winds.
For Missouri—Snow Tuesday.
Wednesday rain or snow.
For Illinois—Cloudy Tuesday; prob-
ably snow. Wednesday snow.

AMERICAN WARSHIPS WILL BE SENT TO SCENE OF WAR UNLESS PROTEST IS MADE.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Tentative or-
ders have been prepared sending the cruiser
squadron of the Asiatic fleet northward
from Subic Bay to the vicinity of Port
Arthur to observe the Japanese-Russian
naval operations and to be at hand to pro-
tect American interests wherever they
may be menaced in the war-stricken dis-
trict.
The orders will be submitted to the
President for final revision, but will not be
sent unless they are agreeable to Russia
and Japan, which will be sounded in ad-
vance on this subject.
When the orders were prepared to-day
it was expected they would be sent forth-
with, in view of the restraining instruc-
tions they contained for Rear Admiral

ROOMS FOR RENT ADS.

11. Rooms for Rent Ads.
12. War and Fire Factors in Wall Street.
Traction Shares Weak.
Summary of St. Louis Markets.
14. Sues to Recover Ninety Cents.
Plan to Celebrate Union of Churches.
Miser Left Small Fortune.
News of the City Churches.

LITTLER INQUEST TO-DAY.

Police Call Witnesses in Bachelor
Hotel Shooting Case.
The coroner will hold an inquest to-day
on Joseph Littler, proprietor of the Bache-
lor Hotel, who was killed at Ewing ave-
nue and Olive street early Sunday morn-
ing in a pistol duel with Patrolmen Ed-
ward Mackie and John Maxwell of the
Eighth District.
The police have summoned as witnesses
Fred Kline, No. 234 Walnut street; Harry
Entler, No. 239 Olive street; John Har-
kinson, No. 239 Olive street; George J.
Long, No. 239 Olive street; William G.
Alexander, No. 239 Olive street; Walter
G. Sharpe, No. 239 Olive street; John L.
Reveal, No. 239 Olive street.
Lieutenant Martin O'Brien and Ser-
geant Charles Hall of the Eighth District,
who investigated the shooting, also will
be witnesses.

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